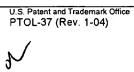
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## **Examiner's Amendment**

An examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

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In a Telephone call on 17 February 2005, authorization for this Amendment was given by Mr. Kevin P. Radigan (Reg. No. 31,789) in accordance with the below identified.

## Please amend claim 1 as follows:

In Claim 1, line 1, please insert the term "computerized" before the term "method".

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